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## TEACHERS HEAR GOOD PAPERS

Good attendance and Keen Interest Mark Successful Meeting of Teachers

The Torrance county teachers held a very interesting meeting in our town last Saturday, February 27. Those in attendance were: Misses Catherine Hill, Mary Lobb, Ola Gilbert, Armead Young, Cora Kelley, Lela McHan, Zella Roberts, Minnie Laws, Anna Collins, Belle Guinn, Mrs. Stella Palmer, Mrs. Edna Ford, Messrs. J. H. Crawford, W. V. Walls, W. R. Shelton and Supt. C. L. Burt.

The reception Friday night by the citizens of Estancia was well attended. Though the number of teachers was small, the citizens of the town were out in large numbers, showing that our people are awake to the great problem of education, and ever ready to show their appreciation and extend a welcome to those who are engaged in this grand and noble cause.

The meeting on Saturday morning was opened by singing "America" after which the invocation was spoken by Rev. J. R. Carver. The regular program was then taken up and disposed of to the satisfaction of all present. The first subject "Story Telling and its Uses in the School-room" was very interestingly handled by the reading of two papers by Miss Anna Collins and Miss Armead Young. The next subject "School Discipline" was very ably discussed by Miss Ola Gilbert and Mr. W. V. Walls, after which opinions in general were given by various members. Some held to the opinion that the pupils could be controlled best by having them understand the object of school and feel that they make the school and school government, the teacher to be their helper, instead of a tyrannical master, while others seemed to believe in the free application of the "barrel stave and the 2x4."

The association next listened to a very elaborate paper on the subject "Original Poems and Stories" by Miss Zella Roberts. This was decidedly the best paper I ever heard on the subject. It not only showed that the writer was able to present the subject clearly and forcibly, but that she had applied this method of teaching in her school work advantageously.

The teacher to whom had been assigned the subject "How best to develop Character in the Pupil" was not present, but the subject was very fully discussed by various members of the association. Then followed two very elaborate papers on the subject "How best to teach the children What is going on in the World," one by Miss Cathrine Hill and one by J. I. Ferguson. The latter not being present, had sent his paper to Supt. Burt, the same being read and highly appreciated.

The last paper of the day was by Miss Belle Guinn on the subject, "Busy Work." This was an extraordinary paper from the fact that it was based upon actual experience of teaching in a crowded school with absolutely no helps except those of her own device. The regular program was closed by a recitation given by Miss Armead Young, which was well delivered and proved a treat, after the busy day having been spent in discussing the problems of the teacher.

The association then held a short business session. The only thing of importance coming up was a talk by Superintendent Burt on the propriety of holding the summer Institute in Mountainair during the Chautauqua. No vote was taken on the matter but the teachers openly and freely expressed themselves as being opposed to the plan.

—A Teacher.

### Another Newspaper

Mountainair is to have a newspaper all its own, in the immediate future. The editor-to-be is expected to arrive in the Chautauqua town today. His plant is already on the road, and the building to house the same nearing completion. With the publication of the Mountainair Breeze, the valley will be well supplied with newspapers, this being the seventh for the valley.

### Probate Court

The regular term of the probate court for Torrance county was held at the court house on Monday of this week. Judge Gabino Baca and Deputy Clerk Frank A. Chavez were at their posts.

A petition present by J. G. Richardson of the southern end of the county was granted, naming him as administrator of the estate of his deceased daughter, Effie Marshall, and guardian of the minor child, Orlou Marshall. Mr. Richardson qualified and filed his bond and oath.

A. Kubena was named as administrator of the estate of E. C. Knappe, deceased, of Mountainair. F. F. Jennings appeared as attorney for the estate.

A few other matters of routine were disposed of, the court adjourned until the 19 of March.

### M. W. A. at Mountainair

On Tuesday night District Organizer A. C. Eubank instituted a Camp of Modern Woodmen at Mountainair, with seventeen charter members, and eight transfer members. A team from the Estancia Camp went up to assist in the initiation of the new members, and generally supervise the installation of the work. The officers of the new camp are:

J. M. Allen, Consul  
Sherman Carmany, Advisor  
J. M. Rhoads, Banker  
W. M. McCoy, Clerk  
C. L. Burt, Past Consul  
W. L. Wimberly, Escort  
A. E. Brenton, Watchman  
Med Duncan, Sentry  
J. W. Corbett, Geo. Higgins,  
G. A. Humbert, Managers  
Drs. J. C. Amble and A. E. Black, Physicians

The boys from Estancia report a royal time, both at the campfire, and during their stay in the Ozone City. Those who went are: Joe and Irwin Pettus, Jack Tuttle, O. H. Wagner, Mark Smith and Raymond Epler.

### House Passes 3-Cent Fare Bill.

On Wednesday of this week the House of Representatives of the Territorial Legislature passed by a vote of 16 to 8 the bill providing a maximum fare to be collected by railroads within the territory of three cents per mile. Whether the bill will pass the council or not remains to be seen.

Chief of Special Agents Moore, of the U. S. Land Office of Santa Fe, was in Estancia yesterday, representing the government in a contest case, the U. S. vs. Mrs. Margaret Dalles of Willard.

## WOODMEN SURPRISE LADIES

Invite Royal Neighbors to Hall to Watch Initiation but Spring Surprise

Estancia Camp, Modern Woodmen of America held another interesting meeting around the campfire last Monday night, the attendance of Woodmen reaching thirty-nine. Two applicants were received into membership and given the obligations of the order.

After the regular work, a committee waited on the Royal Neighbors and invited them over to watch the initiatory work as given by the Woodmen. Upon the arrival of the ladies, the drill team under the captaincy of Chief Forester Baker did some fine work. This was followed by remarks by Deputy Eubanks, who assured the ladies that the best had been reserved until last, closing by giving the Neighbors the word to "get busy." This was the signal for the spreading of the tables and bringing from its hiding place cakes, sandwiches and lemonade in huge proportions. Advisor Green did himself proud as "chief cake carver." For an hour the festivities continued around the well laden table, from which the supplies were rapidly disappearing.

After the tables had been cleared away, several scenes of supposed initiatory work were given to the delight of the ladies. At a late hour the jovial party broke up, the ladies dropping the hint that a repetition of the invitation on the part of the Woodmen would be eagerly accepted by the Royal Neighbors.

### Andrews Did It

Albany, N. Y., March 1.—Before leaving for New Mexico tonight, Herbert J. Hagerman, former governor of New Mexico, explained that the dispatches of Saturday relative to the defeat of the statehood bill had evidently confused his name with that of his father in stating that J. J. Hagerman, former governor of New Mexico, had made representations to the senate committee on territories that Mexico was unfit for statehood.

"I know nothing of my father's intentions in the matter," said Mr. Hagerman, "nor can I say whether or not the dispatch from him was authentic. I assume the alleged message occasioned the reports which stated I had appeared before the committee against the statehood bill. I have nothing further to add to the message sent by me to New Mexico yesterday, in which I said I left Washington more than a week ago and never appeared before the senate committee. W. H. Andrews and his friends can not shift responsibility for defeat of the statehood bill which they brought about the conditions which resulted in the defeat. New Mexico is entitled to statehood but the present situation proves that she can not get it so long as she is represented as at present."

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buckelew have received word of the arrival of a grandson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vermillion at Groom, Texas, on the 2 of the month.

N. P. Wells, brakeman on the New Mexico Central has moved his family back to the homestead southwest of Estancia this week.

### Taft Will Be Asked to Make Answer

Washington, Feb. 28.—Judge Taft is going to be asked, shortly after he becomes President to do some house cleaning down in New Mexico. This is said on authority of a Senator who is a member of the committee on Territories. This Senator added the prediction that as soon as Judge Taft could get around to this matter there would not be a Rough Rider holding an office in New Mexico that is subject to the control of the President.

The plain inference is that Gov. Curry will be asked to resign. Gov. Curry is a Rough Rider. It was by reason of his martial disposition at the outbreak of the Spanish War that he came with in the vista of President Roosevelt. After the war he was sent to the Philippines, where Judge Taft made him Chief of Police of Manila. It was while serving in this capacity that Pres. Roosevelt appointed him Governor of New Mexico. Gov. Curry has affiliated in a political way, with Bull Andrews, who is a Delegate in Congress from New Mexico.

The testimony which the Senate Committee on Judiciary has gathered is said to be the most startling and incriminating. It shows that a syndicate has gobbled up several million acres of the land which Congress gave the Territory several years ago for educational purposes, and that in direct violation of law, counties and municipalities have issued bonds for promotion purposes which they hope to validate by converting the territory into a State. An agent of the Department of Justice who was sent down there to make an investigation has contributed a most sensational chapter to the volume of evidence which the committee has gathered. He reported that the courts are easily made to defeat the ends of justice and that the political combination is so powerful that it is hopeless, under present conditions, to punish the guilty. He cites one instance of a member of a Grand Jury being caught in the act of trying to bribe others serving with him, and asserts that when he was convicted he was punished merely by the assessment of a fine of \$200.

Senator Beveridge, it is understood, intends to press his resolution for a Senatorial investigation of conditions in New Mexico, but in the meantime Judge Taft will be asked to make a complete change of officers. The evidence so far taken by the Senate committee will be laid before him early next week.—Dallas News.

### Judge Mann Re-appointed

Washington, March 1.—The president today sent to the senate the following nominations:

To be associated justice of the supreme court of New Mexico—Edward A. Mann and Ira A. Abbott.

The re-appointment of Judge Mann meets with the approval of the best citizens of this district, his work in the past having given satisfaction, his decisions having been upheld by the Supreme Court in every instance of an appeal. While he has been just at all times, he has never allowed anything to deprive him of always being a man in the full sense of the word.

The Bosque Literary Society is now meeting on Tuesday evenings at the home of Miss Norris. All are cordially invited. The subject for next Tuesday evening is "Washington Irving and his Writings."

## LEY NUEVA SOBRE DOMICILIOS

Pasado por el Congreso de los Estados Unidos Recientemente

Los conferenciarios del senado y camara nacional han convenido en un proyecto emendando un acta proveyendo para el ensanchamiento de domicilios el cual afecta nueve estados del poniente y los territorios de Nuevo Mexico y Arizona. Segun convenido entre los conferenciarios el acta esta como sigue:

"Seccion 1. Que cualesquiera persona que es un entrante calificado bajo las leyes de domicilios de los Estados Unidos puede entrar, por subdivisiones legales, bajo las provisiones de esta acta, en los estados de Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington y Wyoming y los Territorios de Arizona y Nueyo Mexico, 320 acres o menos, de terrenos publicos agrimensados, que no contengan mineral, no reservados ni apropiados ni de regadio y los cuales no contengan madera comercial, situados en un cuerpo compacto, y no mas que una milla y media de longitud: Proveido, que ningun terreno estara sujeto a entrada bajo las provisiones de esta acta hasta que tales terrenos hayan sido designados por el secretario del interior como que no son, en su opinion, susceptibles a regadio a un costo razonable, de cualesquiera curso de agua conocida.

"Sec. 2 Que cualesquiera persona aplicando para entrar terreno bajo los provistos de esta acta, hara y suscribira ante el oficial propio una declaracion, segun requerido por la seccion 2290 de los estatutos revisados, y en adicion al mismo hara una declaracion que el terreno que se desea entrar es del caracter descrito en la seccion 1 de esta acta y pagara las propinas ahora requerido de ser pagadas bajo las leyes de domicilio.

"Sec. 3. Que cualesquiera entrador de terrenos del caracter aqui descrita, sobre el cual prueba final no ha sido hecha tendra el derecho de entrar terrenos publicos, sujeto a las provisiones de esta acta, contiguo a su entrada anterior la cual no excedera, con la entrada original, 320 acres y residencia en y cultivacion de la entrada original se considerara como residencia en y cultivacion de la entrada adicional.

"Sec. 4. Que en el tiempo de hacer pruebas finales, como proveido en la seccion 2201 de los estatutos revisados, el entrante bajo esta acta, tendra, en adicion a las pruebas y declaraciones requeridas bajo la dicha seccion, que probar con dos buenos testigos que a lo menos una octava parte de la area contenida en su entrada fue continuamente cultivada en cosecha agricola otra que zacates nativos comenzando con el segundo ano de la entrada, y que a lo menos una cuarta parte de la area contenida en su entrada fue asi

continuamente cultivado con el tercer ano de la entrada.

"Sec. 5. Que nada aqui contenida sera considerado que el derecho de un entrante calificado de hacer entrada de domicilio en los estados nombrados en la seccion 1 de esta acta, bajo las provisiones de la seccion 2289 de los estatutos revisados, pero ninguna persona que ha hecho entrada bajo esta acta estara entitulada a hacer entrada de domicilio bajo las provisiones de dicha seccion, y ninguna entrada bajo esta acta sera comutada.

"Sec. 6. Que cuandoquiera que el secretario del interior hallare que cualquiera trecho de terreno, en el estado de Utah, sujeto a entrada bajo esta acta, no tengan sobre ellos una cantidad suficiente de agua propia para fines domesticos lo cual haria imposible una residencia continua sobre los terrenos, pueda, a sus discrecion, designara tales trechos de terrenos, de no exceder de 2,000,000 de acres, y en lo de adelante estaran sujetos a entrada bajo esta acta sin necesidad de residencia: Proveido, que en tal evento el entrante en cualquiera tal entrada en buena fe, cultivara no menos que una octava parte de toda la area el segundo ano, una cuarta parte durante el tercer ano y una mitad durante el cuarto y quinto anos despues de la fecha de tal entrada, y que despues de la entrada y hasta la prueba final el entrante residira a tal distancia de dicho terreno que le permita el cultivarlo con sucesso segun requerido por esta seccion."

B. B. Spencer of Eastview is in Estancia on business.

Mrs. Fonoglio left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Texas.

Randolph Carver returned from Moriarty, having preached there Sunday evening.

Randolph Carver will preach at Stanley Sunday morning and at McIntosh in the evening.

The Westminster Circle met with Mrs. Stubblefield Wednesday afternoon. There were a large attendance. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Stratford.

N. Howard Thorp of Palma is in the county seat today. He will go to Moriarty this evening where he has several claims to survey.

J. W. Brashears left last evening with his daughter, for the hot springs in the southern part of the territory, where the daughter will take the baths for rheumatism.

### Methodist Church Notes

Epworth League services will be held Sunday evening at 6:45.

A. M. Steele will preach Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

The lecture Sunday evening by Mr. Fred Ayers was well attended.

Sunday school attendance is increasing. This accounts for the smile Supt. Porter wears.